

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim Amendment Summary

Claims pending

- Before this Amendment: Claims 1-3, 5, 8-13, 15, 18-37 and 39-43.
- After this Amendment: Claims 1-3, 5, 8-13, 15, 18-19, 25-37, and 39-43.

Non-Elected, Canceled, or Withdrawn claims herein: Claims 20-24.

Amended claims: Claims 1-3, 5, 11-13, 15, 25-28, 31, 34-37, 39, and 41.

New claims: None

Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A viewing management method for managing viewing of multiple live electronic presentations, comprising:

simultaneously monitoring two or more electronic presentations that are concurrently broadcast, wherein said monitoring comprises monitoring data that does not comprise content that can be presented to a viewer; and

automatically switching back and forth between displays of the two or more electronic presentations based upon viewer-defined preferences parameters, wherein the viewer-defined preferences are parameters comprise:

a viewer-defined defined event, wherein the viewer-defined event occurs in terms of events that can occur within specified electronic

presentations, wherein ~~at least some of said events~~ viewer-defined event ~~describe~~ describes ~~some~~ an activity or action that ~~can take~~ takes place within the specified electronic presentation ~~itself~~; and

a viewer-defined preference, wherein the ~~viewer-defined preference~~ is a specified value ~~in terms of priorities~~ assigned to the viewer-defined events that ~~can~~ occur within the two or more electronic presentations, wherein the ~~priorities~~ specified value assigned to the viewer-defined events ~~that occur within the two or more electronic presentations~~ are assigned a value by the user viewer.

2. (Currently Amended) The viewing management method of claim 1, wherein the viewer-defined ~~preferences~~ events are defined in terms of the specified electronic presentations' titles.

3. (Currently Amended) The viewing management method of claim 1, wherein the viewer-defined ~~preferences~~ events are defined in terms of topics that can occur within the specified electronic presentations.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The viewing management method of claim 1, wherein the viewer defined ~~preferences~~ events are defined in terms of at least one of:

the specified electronic presentations' titles;

topics that can occur within the specified electronic presentations; and events that can occur within the specified electronic presentations.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The viewing management method of claim 1, wherein said automatically switching comprises enabling a picture-in-picture (PIP) display for the viewer in which at least two of the electronic presentations are contemporaneously displayed for the viewer.

9. (Original) One or more computers programmed with instructions which, when executed by the one or more computers, cause the one or more computers to perform the method of claim 1.

10. (Original) One or more computer-readable media having computer-readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a computer, implement the method of claim 1.

11. (Currently Amended) A viewing management method for managing viewing of multiple live electronic presentations, comprising:

simultaneously monitoring two or more electronic presentations that are concurrently broadcast, wherein said monitoring comprises monitoring data that does not comprise content that can be presented to a viewer; and

automatically notifying a viewer when one or more of the electronic presentations satisfies a viewer-defined preference parameters, wherein viewer-defined preferences parameters are defined in terms of comprise:

a viewer-defined event, wherein the viewer defined event events
~~that can occur occurs~~ within specified electronic presentations, wherein at least some of said events describe viewer-described event describes some an activity or action that ~~can take~~ takes place within the specified electronic presentation itself and wherein an activity or action can pertain to a character or person in at least one of said two or more electronic presentations; and

a viewer-defined preference, wherein the viewer-defined preference
is a specified value priorities assigned to the viewer-defined events event
~~that can occur occurs~~ within the two or more electronic presentations, wherein the priorities specified value assigned to events the viewer-defined event that occur within the two or more electronic presentations [[are]] is assigned a value by the user viewer.

12. (Currently Amended) The viewing method of claim 11, wherein the viewer-defined preferences are event is defined in terms of the specified electronic presentations' titles.

13. (Currently Amended) The viewing method of claim 11, wherein the viewer-defined preferences are event is defined in terms of topics that can occur within the specified electronic presentations.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The viewing method of claim 11, wherein the viewer-defined preferences are event is defined in terms of at least one of: the specified electronic presentations' titles; topics that can occur within the specified electronic presentations; and events that can occur within the specified electronic.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The viewing method of claim 11, wherein said automatically notifying comprises enabling a picture-in-picture (PIP) display for the viewer in which at least two of the electronic presentations are contemporaneously displayed for the viewer.

19. (Original) One or more computers programmed with instructions which, when executed by the one or more computers, cause the one or more computers to perform the method of claim 11.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Canceled)

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled).

25. (Currently Amended) A viewing management method for managing viewing of multiple live electronic presentations, comprising:

receiving one or more viewer requests from one or more viewers, the viewer requests containing viewer-defined preferences parameters that are to be used to evaluate a plurality of different live electronic presentations, wherein the viewer defined preferences parameters are assigned a value by the user, the viewer-defined parameters comprising;

a viewer-defined event, wherein the viewer-defined event occurs within specified presentations, wherein said viewer-defined event describes an activity or action that takes place within the specified electronic presentation; and

a viewer-defined preference, wherein the viewer-defined preference is a specified value assigned to the viewer-defined event

that occurs within the specified electronic presentation, wherein the specified value assigned to the viewer-defined event is assigned a value by the viewer;

~~evaluating a plurality of live electronic presentations using the viewer-defined preferences parameters, wherein the viewer-defined preferences are defined in terms of events that can occur within specified electronic presentations, wherein at least some of said events describe some activity or action that can take place within the specified electronic presentation itself and wherein said evaluating comprises at least monitoring data that does not comprise content that can be presented to a viewer, and wherein an activity or action can pertain to a character or person in at least one of said electronic presentations; and~~

~~in the event that one or more of the viewer-defined preferences parameters is satisfied, notifying at least one viewer that is associated with the viewer-defined preference that is satisfied.~~

26. (Currently Amended) The viewing management method of claim 25, wherein said notifying comprises automatically displaying the electronic presentation that is associated with the viewer-defined preference parameter that is satisfied.

27. (Currently Amended) The viewing management method of claim 25, wherein said notifying comprises displaying indicia of the electronic

presentation that is associated with the viewer-defined preference parameter that is satisfied.

28. (Currently Amended) The viewing management method of claim 25, wherein said notifying comprises enabling a picture-in-picture (PIP) display for [[a]] the viewer in which at least two electronic presentations are contemporaneously displayed for the viewer, one of the electronic presentations comprising one which is associated with the viewer-defined preference parameter that is satisfied.

29. (Original) The viewing management method of claim 25, wherein said receiving is performed by a server that is programmed to receive the viewer requests and notify the viewers.

30. (Original) The viewing management method of claim 25, wherein said receiving is performed by a server that is programmed to receive the viewer requests, evaluate the live electronic presentations, and notify the viewers.

31. (Currently Amended) The viewing management method of claim 25, wherein said evaluating comprises:

receiving information describing the electronic presentations as they are being broadcast;

receiving updated information describing the electronic presentations as they are being broadcast; and

evaluating all of the information that is received in light of the viewer-defined preferences parameters.

32. (Original) One or more computers programmed with instructions which, when executed by the one or more computers, cause the one or more computers to implement the method of claim 25.

33. (Original) One or more computer-readable media having computer-readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a computer, implement the method of claim 25.

34. (Currently Amended) A viewing management method for managing viewing of multiple live electronic presentations, comprising:

creating a viewer request that contains one or more viewer-defined preferences for use in evaluating one or more live electronic presentations, wherein the user defined preferences are assigned a value by the user;

sending the viewer request to one or more computing devices; and

evaluating one or more electronic presentations with the one or more computing devices in light of the one or more viewer-defined preferences parameters, wherein said evaluating comprises at least monitoring data that does not comprise content that can be presented to a viewer and wherein an activity or action can pertain to a character or person in at least one of said electronic presentations, the viewer-defined parameters comprise:

a viewer-defined event, wherein the viewer defined event occurs within specified electronic presentations, wherein said viewer-defined event describes an activity or action that takes place within the specified electronic presentation; and

a viewer-defined preference, wherein the viewer-defined preference is a specified value assigned to the viewer-defined event that occurs within the specified electronic presentations, wherein the specified value assigned to the viewer defined event are assigned by the viewer;

~~, wherein the viewer defined preferences can be defined in terms of events that can occur in specified electronic presentations, wherein at least some of said events describe some activity or action that can take place within the specified electronic presentation itself and wherein said evaluating comprises at least monitoring data that does not comprise content that can be presented to a viewer and wherein an activity or action can pertain to a character or person in at least one of said electronic presentations.~~

35. (Currently Amended) The viewing management method of claim 34 further comprising using the one or more computing devices to send a notification to [[a]] the viewer in the event that one or more of the electronic presentations satisfies one or more of the viewer-defined preferences parameters.

36. (Currently Amended) The viewing management method of claim 34 further comprising automatically displaying an electronic presentation for [[a]] the viewer in the event that the electronic presentation satisfies one or more of the viewer-defined preferences parameters.

37. (Currently Amended) The viewing management method of claim 34, wherein the viewer-defined preferences parameters are defined in terms of the specified electronic presentations' titles.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) The viewing management method of claim 34, wherein the viewer-defined preferences parameters are defined in terms of topics that can occur in the specified electronic presentations.

40. (Original) One or more computer-readable media having computer-readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a computer, implement the method of claim 34.

41. (Currently Amended) An interactive network comprising:
one or more client viewing devices; and
one or more computing devices communicatively linked with the one or more client viewing devices, the computing devices being programmed to:

simultaneously monitor one or more electronic presentations that are concurrently broadcast by at least monitoring data that does not comprise content that can be presented to a viewer; and

automatically send a notification to one or more of the client viewing devices when one or more of the electronic presentations satisfies one or more viewer-defined preferences parameter that is defined by a viewer of the one or more client viewing devices, wherein the viewer-defined preferences parameters are defined in terms of:

a viewer-defined event, wherein the viewer defined event occurs events that can occur in specified electronic presentations, wherein at least some of said events describe some the viewer-defined event describes an activity or action that can take takes place within the specified electronic presentation itself and wherein an the activity or action can pertain to a character or person in at least one of said electronic presentations; and

a viewer defined preference, wherein the viewer-defined preference is a specified value priorities assigned to the viewer-defined event events that occur occurs within the two or more electronic presentations, wherein the priorities specified value assigned to the viewer-defined events that occur within the two or more electronic presentations are assigned a value by the user viewer.

42. (Original) The interactive network of claim 41, wherein the one or more client viewing devices are programmed to automatically display at least an indicia of an electronic presentation that satisfies one or more of the viewer-

defined preferences upon receiving a notification from the one or more computing devices.

43. (Original) The interactive network of claim 42, wherein said indicia comprises a display of the live electronic presentation.

44-57. (Canceled)